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WINGO IN SAN NICOLAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

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SAN NICOLAS - Shortly after 12 noon, Tuesday, a fire broke out in the branch of the west India Mercantile Co. (Wimco) in San Nicolas. The San Nicolas Fire Brigade and members of the Lago Fire Department quickly rushed to the scene, but the fierce fire was already so far advanced that nothing could be done to save the contents of the building, which consisted mostly of electric household appliances such as, refrigerators, televisions, radios, washing machines, stoves etc. There was also a large stock of liquor and cosmetics in the building. Cause of the fire is being investigated. The Wimco building was a landmark in San Nicolas for many years; it formerly housed the Electra, an electricity supply company, and Palais Royal, a household appliances firm.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STRIKE AGAINST 10 PERCENT CUT IN SALARY

ORANJESTAD— A strike called by the GA-BA, SEPA, and SIMAR unions against the 10 percent cut in the salary of all Island Government employees was termed a huge success according to the unions leaders. The first protest action was a three

hour strike Tuesday morning from 7 to 10 am which started with a meeting in the IOWUA club attended by some 2000 people and 1700 car parade which passed in front of the office of the Executive Council blowing horns as a sign of protest against the uni-

lateral measures taken by the government. Although the Island Government is maintaining its position that the cut in salary is caused by the drop in revenue due to the abrupt closure of the Lago oil refinery, the unions are of the opinion that the cause

of the deficit in the island's budget is due to the fact that the Executive Council cannot give account for the sum of 300 million guilders which the Lago paid the Island Government long before Exxon announced that Lago would cease operation on mar-

ch 31. In a press conference Monday afternoon the Deputy of Finance, Mr. Milton Henriquez, said that the 10 percent cut in the salary of the Island Government employees is extremely necessary at the moment and is a precaution-

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